



COLOMBIA



INTRODUCTION

Colombia was one of the three countries that emerged after the dissolution of Gran Colombia in 1830 (the others are Ecuador and Venezuela). Colombia maintains relatively strong democratic institutions characterized by peaceful, transparent elections and the protection of civil liberties.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Ivan DUQUE Marquez

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Bogota

Legislature

bicameral Congress or Congreso consists of the Senate or Senado (108 seats) and the Chamber of Representatives or Camara de Representantes (172 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,138,910 sq km

Land: 1,038,700 sq km

Water: 100,210 sq km

Climate

tropical along coast and eastern plains; cooler in highlands

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, nickel, gold, copper, emeralds, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

prior to COVID-19, one of the most consistent growth economies; declining poverty; large stimulus package has mitigated economic fallout, but delayed key infrastructure investments; successful inflation management; sound flexible exchange rate regime; domestic economy suffers from lack of trade integration and infrastructure

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$683.9 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$13,400 (2020 est.)

Industries - textiles, food processing, oil, clothing and footwear, beverages, chemicals, cement; gold, coal, emeralds

Agricultural products - sugarcane, milk, oil palm fruit, potatoes, rice, bananas, cassava leaves, plantains, poultry, maize

Exports \$39.14 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, coal, refined petroleum, coffee, gold (2019)

partners: US 31%, China 11%, Panama 6%, Ecuador 5% (2019)

Imports \$51.56 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicines, corn (2019)

partners: US 27%, China 20%, Mexico 7%, Brazil 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

50.4 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.04% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Mestizo and White 87.6%, Afro-Colombian (includes Mulatto, Raizal, and Palenquero) 6.8%, Amerindian 4.3%, unspecified 1.4% (2018 est.)

Language

Spanish (official)

Religion

Christian 92.3% (predominantly Roman Catholic), other 1%, unspecified 6.7% (2020 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 81.7% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 1.01% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

